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SENATE BILL

No. 1917

Introduced by Senator Costa

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Wiggins)

February 24, 2000

An act to add Section 10609.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to child welfare services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1917, as amended, Costa. Child welfare services: budgeting methodology evaluation.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the current child welfare services budgeting methodology and make recommendations for revising that methodology. Existing law requires the department to report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2000.

This bill would require the department to convene a task force for the purpose of creating a plan to implement the recommendations of that budget methodology evaluation. The bill would specify the membership of the task force, and would authorize reimbursement of specified expenses for the task force member representing child welfare services consumers. *It would require the department to submit the implementation plan created by one task force to the*

appropriate committees of the Legislature on or before June 30, 2001.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10609.6 is added to the Welfare
2 and Institutions Code, to read:

3 10609.6. (a) The department shall convene a task
4 force for the purpose of creating a plan to implement the
5 recommendations of the evaluation required by Section
6 10609.5.

7 (b) The task force convened pursuant to this section
8 shall include the director of the department, or his or her
9 designee, and one representative from each of the
10 following:

- 11 (1) The Department of Finance.
- 12 (2) The County Welfare Directors Association.
- 13 (3) The California State Association of Counties.
- 14 (4) Child welfare services consumers.
- 15 (5) Children's advocacy organizations.
- 16 (6) Child welfare social worker organizations.

17 (c) If participation on the task force convened
18 pursuant to this section will cause hardship for the
19 representative of child welfare consumers identified in
20 paragraph (4) of subdivision (b), the department, upon
21 the request of the representative, shall provide
22 reimbursement for travel and other expenses directly
23 related to participation in the task force. Except as
24 provided in this subdivision, no task force member shall
25 receive compensation or any other payment for serving
26 on the task force.

27 (d) *The department shall submit the implementation*
28 *plan created by the task force to the appropriate policy*
29 *and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before June*
30 *30, 2001.*

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